Listing of Claims and Claim Amendments

24. (amended) Handle of a screwdriver, the handle comprising a first handle part, a second handle part, and a storage chamber for screwdriver bits or the like, the storage chamber being displaceable within the handle from a closed position into an open position by axial displacement of the two handle parts ~~(1, 2)~~ with respect to one another, the first handle part ~~(1)~~ having a core ~~(4),~~ which is disposed in a cavity ~~(3)~~ in the second handle part ~~(2)~~, and the two handle parts ~~(1, 2)~~ being held in the closed position of the storage chamber ~~(6)~~ by latching means ~~(5, 7)~~, wherein the latching means ~~(5, 7)~~ is movable out of its latching position by pressure on an actuating ~~zone (8) associated with an end side of the handle (2)~~ push button located on an end of the second handle part wherein the push button is configured so as to be axially displaceable when under pressure in the direction of the first handle part.

25. (amended) Handle according to claim 24, wherein the ~~actuating zone (8) is formed by a~~ push-button is fitted in a cutout ~~(26)~~ in the end side of the handle ~~(2)~~.

26. (amended) Handle according to claim 25, wherein the push-button ~~(8)~~ is displaceable into a pot-shaped cutout ~~(26)~~ counter to the force of a restoring spring ~~(27)~~.

27. (amended) Handle according to claim 25, wherein in the event of pressure on the push-button ~~(8)~~, the latching means is moved out of the latching position ~~is only eliminated~~ when the end face of the push-button ~~(8)~~ is ~~located below~~ displaced past an opening edge ~~(28)~~ of a cutout ~~(26)~~.

28. (amended) Handle according to claim 25, wherein the latching means ~~(5)~~ is a pivotable spring tongue which has a latching projection ~~(9)~~ at its free end and interacts with a latching step ~~(7)~~.

29. (amended) Handle according to claim 28, wherein the spring tongue ~~(5)~~ is formed integrally with the material of the core ~~(4)~~.

30. (amended) Handle according to claim 28, wherein the spring tongue ~~(5)~~ is formed by an end portion of the core ~~(4)~~.

31. (amended) Handle according to claim 24, wherein said latching means is one of a plurality of latching means ~~(5)~~ located diametrically opposite one another.

32. (amended) Handle according to claim 28, wherein an actuating cam ~~(29)~~ is formed by the push-button ~~(8)~~ and acts on the spring tongue ~~(5)~~ in order to cancel the latching position.

33. (amended) Handle according to claim 32, wherein the actuating cam ~~(29)~~ acts in the axial direction on a control slope ~~(30)~~ of the spring tongue (5), which likewise extends in the axial direction.

34. (amended) Handle according to claim 24, wherein the two handle parts ~~(1, 2)~~ are displaced from the closed position into the open position by the force of a prestressed spring ~~(16)~~ following pressure on the actuating zone ~~(8)~~.

35. (amended) Handle of a screwdriver, the handle comprising a first handle part, a second handle part, and a storage chamber for screwdriver bits or the like, the storage chamber being openable by axial displacement of the two handle parts ~~(1, 2)~~ with respect to one another, the first handle part ~~(1)~~ having a core (4) which is disposed in a cavity ~~(3)~~ in the second handle part ~~(2)~~ and has at least one latching means ~~(5)~~, which latching means ~~(5)~~, in a closed position of the storage chamber ~~(6)~~, interacts with a mating catch ~~(7)~~ of the second handle part ~~(2)~~ that includes the cavity, wherein the latching means ~~(5)~~ leaves its latching position of its own accord as a result of pressure on an actuating zone ~~(8)~~ of the first handle part ~~(1)~~ which includes the mating catch ~~(7)~~.

36. (amended) Handle according to claim 35, wherein the mating catch ~~(7)~~ is a latching step.

37. (amended) Handle according to claim 35, wherein the actuating zone ~~(8)~~ is associated with the second handle part ~~(2)~~ which includes the cavity ~~(3)~~, and the latching means is a pivotable spring tongue which has a latching projection ~~(9)~~ at its free end and is formed integrally with the material of the core ~~(4)~~.

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39. (amended) Handle according to claim 35, wherein the latching means is one of two latching means ~~(5)~~ located diametrically opposite one another.

Claims 40 – 42 were previously cancelled

43. (amended) Handle of a screwdriver, the handle comprising a first handle part, a second handle part, a spring, and a storage chamber for screwdriver bits or the like, the storage chamber being openable by axial displacement of the two handle parts ~~(1, 2)~~ with respect to one another, the first handle part ~~(1)~~ having a core ~~(4)~~, which is disposed in a cavity ~~(3)~~ in the second handle part ~~(2)~~ and has at least one latching means ~~(5)~~, which latching means ~~(5)~~, in a closed position of the storage chamber ~~(6)~~, interacts with a mating catch ~~(7)~~ of the second handle part ~~(2)~~ that includes the cavity, wherein the two handle parts ~~(1, 2)~~ are spring-loaded with respect to one another in such a manner that, after a latching has been cancelled, the two handle parts are moved apart by the spring, until they reach an open position, ~~preferably only a partially open position~~ ,and wherein a push-button is provided for the cancellation of the latching when the button is pressed along a direction that is coaxial with the handle.

Claims 44 – 46 were previously cancelled.

47. (amended) Handle according to claim 43, wherein the spring is a compression spring ~~(16)~~, and is stressed in a closed position of the handle parts.

48. (new claim) Handle according to claim 43, wherein the open position is a partially open position.

49. (new claim) Handle of a screwdriver, the handle comprising a first handle part, a second handle part, and a storage chamber for screwdriver bits or the like, the storage chamber being displaceable within the handle from a closed position into an open position by axial displacement of the two handle parts ~~(1, 2)~~ with respect to one another, the first handle part ~~(1)~~ having a core ~~(4)~~, which is disposed in a cavity ~~(3)~~ in the second handle part ~~(2)~~, and the two handle parts ~~(1, 2)~~ being held in the closed position of the storage chamber ~~(6)~~ by a latch mechanism that comprises a cantileverable spring tongue which has a latching projection at its

free end and which interacts with a latching step, wherein the latch mechanism is movable out of its latching position by pressure on an actuating push button located on an end of the second handle part wherein the push button is configured so as to be displaced under pressure in the direction of the first handle part, and wherein an actuating cam is formed by the push-button and acts on the spring tongue in order to cancel the latching position.